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In re Application of :
Jonathan M Graff et al :
Serial No.: 10/002,631 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: October 31, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: A34943-090495.0243 :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed April 9, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The delay in acting on this petition is regretted, but the application was delayed in preexamination processing.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

The following condition applies to the grant of this petition: If, upon examination, it is determined that a restriction requirement is necessary because of multiple inventions being claimed, applicant will be required to make an election without traverse of a single invention to be prosecuted. Failure to make an election without traverse will void the special status accorded in this decision.

The application will be forwarded an the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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